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1. PER ABOVE CITED REFERENCE, HOLIDAYS (AMERICAN AND EGYPTIAN)

OBSERVED IN EGYPT BY THE USG AGENCIES ARE NOTED BELOW:

OFFICIAL US AND LOCAL HOLIDAYS 1976

1 JAN NEW YEAR'S DAY	USA
2 JAN ISLAMIC NEW YEAR'S DAY	LOCAL&
16 FEB WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	USA
22 FEB UNION DAY	LOCAL
8 MAR SYRIAN REVOLUTION DAY	LOCAL
13 MAY MOULED EL NABI (PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY)	LOCAL &
26 APR SHAM EL NESSIM	LOCAL
1 MAY LABOR DAY	LOCAL
31 MAY MEMORIAL DAY	USA
18 JUN EVACUATION DAY	LOCAL
4 JUL INDEPENDENCE DAY	USA
23 JUL NATIONAL DAY (1952 REVOLUTION	LOCAL
01 SEPT SEPTEMBER 1ST REVOLUTION & CONFEDERATION'S PROCLAMATION	LOCAL
06 SEPT LABOR DAY	USA
25-26 SEP RAMADAN BAIRAM	LOCAL &
6 OCT ARMED FORCES DAY	USA

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11 OCT COLUMBUS DAY USA

24 OCT SUEZ DAY & POPULAR RESISTANCE DAY	LOCAL
25 OCT VETERAN'S DAY	USA
25 NOV THANKSGIVING DAY	USA
1 DEC YOM ARAFAT (WAKFA) (DAY BEFORE THE FEAST)	LOCAL &
2-5 DEC KURBAN BAIRAM	LOCAL &
22 DEC ISLAMIC NEW YEAR'S DAY	LOCAL &
23 DEC VICTORY DAY	LOCAL
25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY	USA

& LOCAL EGYPTIAN HOLIDAYS BASED ON LUNAR CALENDAR (APPROXIMATE DATES FOR 1976 ONLY)

ACCORDING TO U.S. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, WHENEVER A FEDERAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, THE PRECEDING FRIDAY OR FOLLOWING MONDAY SHALL BE CONSIDERED A HOLIDAY.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE HOLIDAYS LISTED ABOVE, THE COPTIC RELIGIOUS SECT (CHRISTIANS) OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS LISTED BELOW AND ALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE CLOSED. NEITHER GOE OFFICES NOR US EMBASSY ARE CLOSED ON THESE DATES.

JANUARY 7

JANUARY 18 OR 19

PALM SUNDAY

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK

SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY

3. DUE TO CONTINUED AND INCREASING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GOE, ESPECIALLY LOCAL POPULACE, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT ANY SPECIFIC DATE(S) WHICH MIGHT BE USED BY ANY GROUP TO STAGE A DEMONSTRATION OR ANTI-AMERICAN ACTION AGAINST A USG INSTALLATION AND/OR PERSONNEL. AS DEMONSTRATED BY PAST ACTIONS, EGYPTIANS ARE EXTREMELY EMOTIONAL AND ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF VIOLENT REACTION TO AN UNPOPULAR EVENT OR ACTION.

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